



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

STOUT, Robert L. et al

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METHODS OF DETERMINING ACTIVE
LEVELS OF DRUGS IN FLUID SAMPLES

Docket No. 31645

Group Art Unit No. 1743

Examiner:

Commissioner of Patents
Alexandra, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

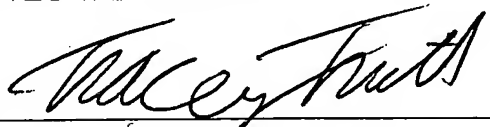
Applicants, through their attorneys, hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a 3-month extension of time in which to file a response to office action of September 15, 2003. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17, authorization to charge the Deposit Account 19-0522 in the amount of \$475.00 to cover the 3-month fee.

In the event that the foregoing request or fee calculation is incorrect, this Petition should be construed as one for sufficient time to permit timely filing of the present reply. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this Petition should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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